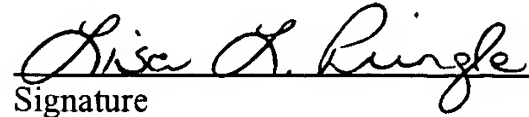




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In re application of:)
Daniel R. Lane) Group Art Unit: 2684
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

Applicant hereby requests that the period for response be extended by one month so that the response filed herewith will be considered timely filed. The appropriate fee of \$110.00 is enclosed for this request.

In response to the Office Action dated July 14, 2004, issued in connection with the above-identified application, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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